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East Germany

COUNTRY

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Military Information from Ludwigslust.

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 27 November to 10 December 1953

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 10 December 1953, the Alte Reiter Kaserne and the Neue Reiter Kaserne in Ludwigslust were occupied to capacity by a total of about 1,500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. At about 12 a.m., 36 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 8 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the barracks installation from the direction of Techentin. Another 25 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and carrying rifles and submachine guns also returned to the installation from the terrain on the Ludwigslust - Grabow railroad line. Motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] observed at the installation.

2. On 29 November, the Alte Reiter Kaserne and the Neue Reiter Kaserne were occupied to capacity by enlisted men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Except for soldiers cleaning their quarters no service activity was observed.

3. On 29 November, Techentin airfield was occupied to capacity by enlisted men wearing red-bordered black epaulets mainly with tank insignia and partially with artillery insignia. On 28 November, soldiers in the billeting area attended to T-34 tanks one [redacted]

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A major number of trucks [redacted] was at the former hangars across from a newly constructed wooden shed.

Comment. From the present information it can be concluded that the barracks mentioned still quarter the 59th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div and that Techentin airfield is still occupied by the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and the 63d Tank Tng Bn (US) of the division. [redacted] Although the Alte Reiter Kaserne which forms one block with the Neue Reiter Kaserne had been reported unoccupied by the second source in reference report, the installation may have been reoccupied after late October. A previous report by another source stated that at that time a unit of the division, possibly the 120th Mtrcl Bn, moved from Perleberg to Ludwigslust.

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